

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for the very warm welcome to St. Leo the Great. I am delighted to be assigned here as your pastor. I look forward to coming to know you and serving you in the years ahead. As I mentioned last weekend, the pandemic provides a particularly difficult time to have a change in pastoral leadership. I recognize that as we move forward this will require a mutual trust and respect for everyone's physical health and well-being. Building this relationship is necessary to both reduce risk and anxiety so that more of you may return to the inestimable gift of the sacraments.

Due to some feedback I received this week, I am happy to make a few adjustments to the weekend schedule as it pertains to Face Coverings and Communion Services. Please keep in mind the liturgical guidelines I offered last weekend are the current policy of the Diocese of Charlotte. Nevertheless, during these unprecedented times I will do my best to accommodate you, so everyone feels safe.

Effective this weekend, Face Coverings will be required for the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass and the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday. A Communion Service will be offered at 9:15 AM on Sunday in the courtyard for the most vulnerable in the parish. The guidelines of the Diocese of Charlotte will be in place for all other Masses offered during the week and on Sunday morning. Please wear Face Coverings when entering and exiting the church and as you approach Holy Communion. Kindly lower the Face Covering before receiving Holy Communion. In addition, we will continue to live stream the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on our Facebook page and then post it on YouTube.

Thank you for your patience, cooperation and support as we navigate our way through these truly difficult times. Obviously, we are all adjusting to the various norms and guidelines. I ask the Lord's blessing on each of you, that He keep you and your family safe and well through the crisis.

With my prayers,
Fr C Gober